Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~**in a network entity**~~ **of multimedia messaging,** comprising:

receiving media content **in a network entity** from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient**, the media content relating to multimedia messaging**;

accessing**, by the network entity,** a database comprising recipient data describing at least one of multimedia reception capabilities and **multimedia** reception preferences for at least one recipient;

forming, **in the network entity and** in accordance with said at least one of multimedia reception capabilities and reception preferences, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

transmitting by the network entity ~~**outputting**~~ the notification message ~~**for transmission**~~ to said at least one addressed recipient.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 further comprising: receiving the media content in a multimedia messaging server; and providing the at least one addressed recipient with the media content via the network entity;

wherein the network entity is a multimedia messaging relay.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein a streaming session is established, and at least some of the media content is streamed to said at least one recipient.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein said establishing of a streamed session is preceded by transmitting the notification message to said at least one addressed recipient.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the media content comprises a set of different types of components and each component is formatted in one or more formats.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the method further comprises before said providing of the media content:

checking the format of at least one component of the received media content;

determining by the recipient data whether the format is appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient; and

responsive to determining that the format is not appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient, translating the component into a format appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said notification message provides a minimum amount of information necessary for said at least one addressed recipient to establish a streaming session with the said network entity.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the network entity communications with the at least one addressed recipient over a radio communications network.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said sending entity is chosen from a group consisting of: a media storing entity of a first telecommunication network, a media storing entity of a second telecommunications network, a media storage in an external data transmission network, and a terminal of the first telecommunication network.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the sending entity is selected from the group consisting of a media storing entity of a first telecommunications network and a terminal of the first telecommunications network, wherein the first telecommunication network possesses given properties, and wherein the method further comprises transmitting the notification message to said at least one addressed recipient

via a first telecommunications network and forming said notification message taking into account the properties of the first telecommunications network.

11. (Currently Amended) A network entity comprising:

an input which receives media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient**, the media content relating to multimedia messaging**;

a processor which accesses a database comprising recipient data describing at least one of multimedia reception capabilities, reception preferences of the at least one addressed recipient, and multimedia reception capabilities in conjunction with reception preferences of the at least one addressed recipient;

a Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) ~~**an MMS**~~ relay which forms, in accordance with the at least one of multimedia reception capabilities, reception preferences, and multimedia reception capabilities, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

an output which ~~**sends**~~ **transmits** the notification message ~~**for transmission**~~ to said at least one addressed recipient.

12. (Currently Amended) A communication system, comprising:

at least one recipient;

a network entity**, the network entity comprising:**[[;]]

an input which receives media content from a sending entity and addressed to said at least one recipient**, the media content relating to multimedia messaging**; **and**

a processor which accesses a database comprising recipient data describing at least one of multimedia reception capabilities and reception preferences for the at least one addressed recipient; **and**

a Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) ~~**an MMS**~~ relay which forms, in accordance with the at least one of multimedia reception capabilities and reception preferences, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; ~~**and**~~

~~**an output which sends**~~ **wherein the MMS relay transmits** the notification message ~~**for transmission**~~ to said at least one addressed recipient.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a storage medium with a computer program for controlling a network entity stored therein, the program when executed causing the network entity to perform:

receiving media content **in a network entity** from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient**, the media content relating to multimedia messaging**;

accessing**, by the network entity,** a database comprising a recipient data describing at least one of multimedia reception capabilities and reception preferences for the at least one addressed recipient;

forming, **in the network entity and** in accordance with the at least one of multimedia reception capabilities and reception preferences, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

transmitting by the network entity ~~**outputting**~~ the notification message ~~**for transmission**~~ to said at least one addressed recipient.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the media content comprises a set of different types of components and each component is formatted in one or more formats.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the first telecommunication network possesses multimedia capabilities, traffic condition, and processing resources, and wherein the said properties of the first telecommunications network contain at least one or more of the following: the first telecommunications network's multimedia capabilities, the first telecommunications network's traffic condition, and the availability of processing resources in the first telecommunications network.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the receiving of the media content from a sending entity includes forwarding the media content, via said network entity, to a multimedia messaging server corresponding to a communication system of said network entity.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

20. (Previously Presented) The network entity according to claim 11, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

21. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 12, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

23. (New) A network entity comprising:

input means for receiving media content from a sending entity and addressing to at least one recipient, the media content relating to multimedia messaging;

processor means for accessing a database comprising recipient data describing at least one of multimedia reception capabilities, reception preferences of the at least one addressed recipient, and multimedia reception capabilities in conjunction with reception preferences of the at least one addressed recipient;

Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) relay means for forming a notification message, in accordance with the at least one of multimedia reception capabilities, reception preferences, and multimedia reception capabilities, the notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

output means for transmitting the notification message to said at least one addressed recipient.